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SHOWERY.

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TELEGRAMS.

HOME RULE.

ULSTER'S CHALLENGE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, June 18, 7.25 p.m.
Received, 19, 10.38 p.m.

The House of Commons is still discussing the amendment to the Home Rule Bill proposed by the Hon. Mr. Agar Robertson (Liberal), retaining the four Ulster counties as part of the United Kingdom.

Mr. F. E. Smith, in the course of a speech, emphasised the point that Mr. Redmond had refused to accept the Bill unless it included Ulster. He (Mr. Smith) would like to see the Nationalists attempt to take Ulster. They might start, but they would never return. Their idea was that conquest should be achieved by English soldiers, and he asked the Government for a declaration as to whether they had faced the contingency of resistance by Ulster.

CIVIL WAR.

Mr. Augustine Birrell reiterated that the Government fully appreciated the strong feeling in Ulster. It was absurd to suppose, he said, that they regarded lightly the possibility of civil war, which was not confined to Ireland, but he did not believe that any Ulsterman thought his life and liberty were in danger. He did not believe that any body of intelligent men would ever appeal to the arbitrament of war. When the present trouble and disturbance were over Irishmen of all classes would co-operate for the common good.

HOT WORDS.

Mr. Bonar Law, speaking with great vehemence, said there were things stronger than a Parliamentary majority. The Government knew they dare not employ troops to expel Ulster men from the Union. A Government giving such orders ran a greater risk of being lynched in London.—(Opposition cheers drowned the rest of the sentence). The Government were inciting Ulstermen to show not by words but by acts that they were in earnest.

AMENDMENT REJECTED.

After Mr. Asquith had moved the closure, causing a Unionist uproar, the amendment was defeated by 320 votes to 251.

MR McKENNA AND ANARCHISTS.

London, June 18th.
Received, 9.27 p.m.

Mr. McKenna has decided not to expel from Great Britain the noted anarchist Mabel Tsoeta who was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and deportation for libelling a compatriot in Soho.

GERMAN MINISTER.

London, June 18.
Received 10, 11.58 a.m.

Baron von Biberstein, the new German Ambassador, has arrived. He quietly posed for "snapshots," but refused to be interviewed, saying it was too early to express opinions.

TELEGRAMS.

THE HOME TURF.

ASCOT STAKES RESULT.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, June 18.
Received, 19, 6.17 a.m.

The race for the Ascot Stakes, run to-day over a distance of two miles, resulted as follows:—
The Policeman1
Rot's Pride2
Southampton3
Eleven ran; won by a neck, two lengths separating second and third.
The betting at the start was 100-12 The Policeman; 100-7 Rot's Pride; 5-1 Southampton.

A MUDDLE.

London, June 18, 5.5 p.m.
Turo Caster was third in the Ascot Stakes, the betting being 100-7.
London, June 18, 5.45 p.m.
In the Ascot Stakes the correct third is Southampton. The error arose owing to a difference between the Judge's number frame and the frame on the course.

ROYAL HUNT CUP.

London, June 18, 4.45 p.m.
Received, 19, 9.25 p.m.

The probable starters for the Hunt Cup, to be run at Ascot on Wednesday, are:—Whisk Broom (Maler), Long Set (Higgs), Spanish Prince (P. Wootton), Ashcroft (Gibson), Bachelor's Hope (Donoghue (L. Hewitt), Dorando (Martin), Jarrold (Reiff), Bannockburn (F. Tompland), Brancopah (Clark), Eton Boy (Trigg), My Collar (Wheatley), Ask Papa (Smyth), Dalmacrag (Winter), Shamballymore (Carron) Oliver Goldsmith (A. Hewitt), Annah (Marsh), Matelot (Longhurst), Rockland (Bullock), King Mark (Barra), Cadbury (Gardiner), Prim Simon (Butcher), Prevoyant (Whalley), Newmarket (Plant), Duke Michael or Hamerton (Ringstead), Mediator (Duller). The following have no jockeys as yet:—Royal Tender, Bachelor's Tax, Outram and Sunspot.

THE BETTING.

The betting is as follows:—8-1 Whisk Broom 10-0 Eton Boy; 10-1 Long Set; 10-0 Dorando; 100-7 Bachelor's Hope; 20-1 Bannockburn.

TEST CRICKET.

THE ELEVENTH MAN.

London, June 18, 8 p.m.

The eleventh place in the English cricket team for their match against Australia on Monday next will be filled by either G. L. Jessop or J. W. Hearne. The final choice will be made on the morning of the match.

THE MEDITERRANEAN.

A WEAK POLICY?

London, June 18.
Received, 9.27 p.m.

Lord Charles Bessford, in a two-column letter to the Press, attacks the Government for abandoning the Mediterranean, which is the main link in the defence of the Empire. We are injuring our national prestige, he says, by leaning towards France.

TELEGRAMS.

U. S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

A STORMY BEGINNING.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Chicago, June 18.

The Republican Convention opened here to-day.

The House was called to order by Mr. V. Rosewater, of Nebraska, and after prayer by Father Callaghan, Mr. Hadley moved the substitution of the National Committee's roll, but was ruled out of order. However 40 minutes was allowed for debate thereon.

ELECTING A CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Rosewater nominated Senator Elihu Root as Chairman of the Convention, but the Opposition element presented Governor McGovern, of Wisconsin.

The voting eventually was as follows:—Root, 558; McGovern, 502.

The two Philippine delegates will vote for President Taft.

Confusion has been created by the speeches of Attorney Henry, who denounced the Committee-men personally.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, June 18, 4.20 a.m.

Received, 9.30 p.m.

A message from Chicago says excitement is intense on the eve of the battle at the Republican Convention, where it is expected that pandemonium will reign. The Taftites do not conceal their alarm, and desertions are growing. There is confidence and coolness among Roosevelt's supporters. It is stated that twelve hundred sergeants-at-arms will be present at the Coliseum, and the police are drilling specially with a view to emergencies.

ENGLISH COMPARISON.

English correspondents are describing the topsy-turvydom of the situation, and compare it with a contest between Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George for the kingship, the National Liberal Club crammed with rival delegates, the Empire in the balance, and the votes controlled by fifty South African negroes.

BOXING.

London, June 18, 4.20 a.m.

Received, 9.30 p.m.

At the National Sporting Club the English welter-weight Championship, together with Lord Londale's belt, has been decided. Summers knocked out Evernden in the thirteenth round.

CANADIAN WHEAT CROP.

London, June 18, 12.30 p.m.

Received, 12, 12.20 a.m.

The Canadian western wheat crop is estimated at 250 million bushels, and not 2,500 million bushels, as previously wired.

THE VOTING.

The Philippine delegates voted for Mr. Root, the Hawaiian delegates for Governor McGovern, California cast two for Mr. Root, while 79 of the New York delegates voted for Mr. Root and 13 for Governor McGovern.

Mr. Johnson's protest was ignored.

CHIEFS AND GROANS.

On taking the chair, Mr. Root was greeted with cheers and groans, and thus closed a long day of turbulence and vituperation.

The sores are unhealed, as the Rooseveltians are any day.

At Wisconsin the vote is seated, and does not involve Senator La Follette.

The Roosevelt caucus has resolved that the 510 uncontested delegates constitute a majority.

ROOSEVELT'S FIGHTING.

London, June 18.

Received, 9.10 p.m.

Reuter's Chicago correspondent states that Roosevelt addressed a vast meeting in the Auditorium. He said: "We are standing for elementary decency in politics, and fighting for honesty against naked robbery. It is a great moral, not merely a political issue." He said that Taft had definitely abandoned the people and surrendered to the political bosses and privileged interests. Roosevelt's own platform was rule by the people. The working of the Taft principle in the present contest enabled professional politicians, through the State Convention, to give Taft the delegates of Ohio, though Roosevelt had carried the Ohio primaries by 47,000 votes. Also the National Committee chose two Taftites from California, though 250,000 Californians had voted pro-Roosevelt. These transactions were tantamount to burglary from the people. Better honorable failure in a conflict which was the vital test of democracy than a foul victory, as his opponents hoped, but he would win as he had won so many victories by clean, honest fighting for the loftiest causes. "With unflinching heart and undimmed eyes we stand at the Armageddon, and bid battle for the Lord," concluded Mr. Roosevelt.

HOME CRICKET.

London, June 18, 8.15 p.m.

Received, 10, 11.14 a.m.

In their cricket match with Essex at Northampton, Northants won by an innings and 137 runs.

ELECTORAL REFORM.

BILL'S FIRST READING.

London, June 18.

Received, 9.27 p.m.

The Franchise Bill has passed the first reading by 274 votes to 50. The minority was composed mostly of Unionist suffragists, who challenged a division.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA'S TROUBLES.

THE PREMIER FLEES.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, June 18, 4.20 a.m.
Received 9.30 p.m.

Reuter's Peking correspondent states that Premier Tang Shao Yi has fled to Tientsin. Yuan Shih Kai has twice sent his secretary, but the Premier refuses to return. He wants to resign from the Cabinet. He has appealed to the International financial group and obtained an advance of three million taels in order to satisfy the clamorous troops.

THE CHINESE REPUBLIC.

MONGOLIAN AGGRESSION.

(From Chinese Source.)

Peking, June 18.

It is reported that 49 regiments of the Mongolian Army have already advanced to Chinese territory and are determined to open hostilities with the Chinese troops. It is also reported that the Mongolian troops are secretly helped by foreign nations.

HARBIN UNEASY.

The Russian troops are continually transporting guns to Harbin.—"Shat Po."

PREMIER'S DIS.

Shanghai, June 18.

Premier Tang has sent a wire to Peking from Tientsin that the reason for his departure for Tientsin is that he suspected a mutiny of troops, having heard the firing of guns on the 14th inst.

Leung Si-yi has arrived at Tientsin to advise Premier Tang to return to Peking, but Tang declines to do so.

President Yuan has, under these circumstances, appointed Luk Ching-cheung as Acting Premier.—"Shat Po."

MILITARY COMMISSIONERS.

Shanghai, June 18.

President Yuan has despatched General Tuan Ki-sui to visit the provinces and institute more military commissions.

FROM MANCHU TO GERMAN.

Prince Tsai-tao, brother of the ex-Regent, has become a naturalized German subject through the influence of General Yim-cheong.

The Cabinet has permitted the resignation of Sze Sai-ki from the Ministry of Communications, and intends to appoint Jim Tin-yau as Acting Minister.

GOVERNOR FLEES.

Chau Chie-chai, Governor General of Shantung, has escaped to Tientsin in consequence of the revolt of the soldiers. The people of Shantung intend to elect another Governor General.—"Sai Kai Kung Yik Po."

TO COME SOUTH.

Peking, June 18.

Wong Ching-wai will leave Peking for Canton as soon as Dr. Sun Yat-sen has arrived at Shanghai.

HONGKONG'S PLAGUE. The Chief Customs Commissioner has notified all the Customs Commissioners to examine for plague cases, steamers arriving from Hongkong.

BANK PRIVILEGES.

The State Council is considering the suggestions for the granting of privileges to the Exchange and Industrial Banks as put forth by Chan Kam-tao.

GERMAN ADVANCE.

Under the pretext of protecting German merchants and subjects, German troops have advanced to Chai-nam-fa.—"Sai Kai Kung Yik Po."

TELEGRAMS.

CANADIAN MARRIAGES.

VALIDITY QUESTION.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, June 18, 12.30 p.m.
Received, 19, 12.20 a.m.

Reuter's Ottawa correspondent states that a judgment delivered in the Supreme Court declares the General Marriage Act for the whole Dominion to be ultra vires. The Dominion Parliament on the other hand, has decided that the laws of Quebec do not render void mixed marriages.

LADY AVIATOR KILLED.

London, June 18, 12.30 p.m.

Received 19, 12.20 a.m.

A message from Springfield, Illinois, states that a lady aviator, Mrs. Clarke, struck the branches of a tree while on a flight. Her machine overturned, and she was killed.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

London, June 18.

Received, 19, 6.17 a.m.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that it is understood that Herr Lixberg, Secretary to the Legation in Peking, will be Calcutta in succession to Herr Rouss, who has been appointed Minister to Tehran.

ANGLO-SCOTTISH GOLF.

A TIE.

London, June 18.

Received, 19, 9.12 a.m.

The Professional International Golf match between England and Scotland, played at Muirfield, resulted in a tie, each side securing five wins in the singles and three in the foursomes, while five matches were halved.

The most exciting game was that in which Brand and Hord (Scotland) beat Vardon and Taylor by one up.

THE OVERSEAS ARMY.

London, June 18, 6.10 p.m.

Received, 18, 12 a.m.

Asked to state the effective strength of the British garrisons in Egypt and South Africa, Mr. H. J. Tennant, the new Under Secretary for War, replied that it was not considered expedient to publish the strength of the garrisons abroad.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT.

London, June 18, 4.20 a.m.

Received, 9.30 p.m.

Professor Perkin of Manchester, lecturing in London, said English chemists had forestalled German chemists by taking out patents for the manufacture of synthetic rubber, from which is obtained the ability to produce acetone. It will largely be used in cordite manufacture, and will be a third of the present price.

MONARCHS TO MEET.

London, June 18.

Received 9.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that the Kaiser and the Tsar meet in Finnish waters early in July. Herr Bethmann-Hollweg will be present.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

Telegrams.

Special telegrams to the "Telegraph" indicate happenings at the Republican Convention in Chicago.

During the debate on the Home Rule Bill in the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law delivered a vehement speech, in which he said that the Government knew that they dare not employ troops to expel Ulstermen from the Union.

The amendment to the Home Rule Bill retaining the four Ulster counties as part of the United Kingdom was defeated by a majority of 60.

The Franchise Bill has been read a first time by a large majority.

Lord Charles Bessford attacks the Government for their Mediterranean policy, saying that we are injuring our national prestige by leaning on France.

Summers has knocked out Evernden in the boxing match for the English welter-weight championship.

Excitement is intense at Chicago on the eve of the Republican Convention. Mr. Roosevelt has delivered a stirring fighting speech.

Tang Shao-yi, China's Premier, has fled to Tientsin and refuses to return.

The Kaiser and the Czar meet early in July in Finnish waters.

Jessop or J. W. Hearne will fill the eleventh place in the English cricket team to play Australia.

Mrs. Clarke, an American aviator, struck the branches of a tree while flying, her machine overturned.

The Ascot Stakes race was won by The Policeman, who got home a neck ahead of Rot's Pride.

The International Professional Golf Match between England and Scotland resulted in a tie.

LOCAL.

A man who was charged with burglariously entering a house and who was alleged to have jumped from the verandah, was discharged at the police court this morning.

A man who was charged with obtaining money under false pretences and also with falsely representing to be a detective, was fined \$100 on the second charge at the Police Court this morning. Sir Charles Eliot, the principal of Hongkong University arrived in the Colony yesterday. He is at present staying at Mountain Lodge, the summer quarters of His Excellency.

Three cases were heard in the Summary Court this morning in which Chong Wo-chen and Pun Hau-fu, managing partners in the Hon Hing Steamship Co., were sued for salary due.

The members of the law society in Hongkong are making preparations to mark the departure of Sir Francis Pigott. He is to be presented with an illuminated address.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders in Messrs. Watkins, Ltd. was held to-day at noon in the offices of the company. The chairman formally moved the confirmation of the resolution to wind up the company, and the motion was carried.

Madame Alice Gomez indisposed. The concert announced for June the 12th in the Victoria Hall, Singapore, by Madame Alice Gomez, did not take place, as the cantatrice was indisposed.

Buddhists in Council.

A large meeting of Buddhists has just taken place at Nanking, when it was resolved to revive Buddhism all over China. Delegates have arrived at Peking, and an organization is being formed to make it a nation-wide campaign.

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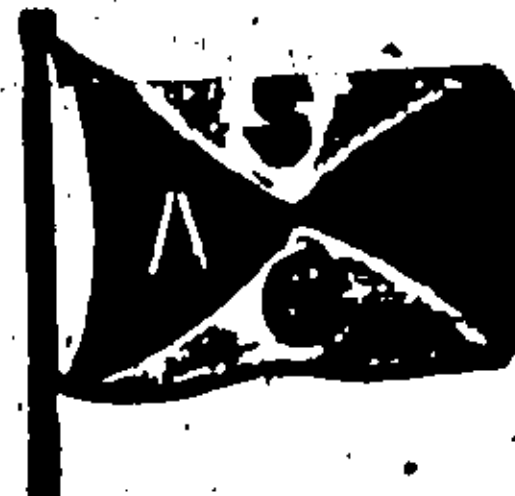
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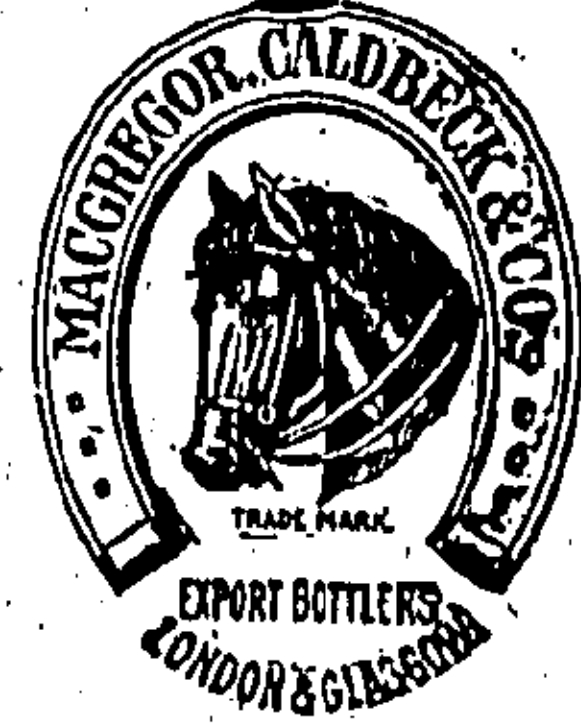
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

China Mail.

Collapse of the General Strike.

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Daily Press.

China as It Is.

Even more interesting is "Mr. Armstrong's" analysis of the causes of the revolution. He has no difficulty in showing it to have had its prime origin in the spread of education and the establishment of a popular Press. Abuses long tolerated now came into the full glare of publicity, and the officials of the new school—the young, foreign-educated, unemployed literati—had, in their struggle with the old "gang," the sympathy and support of an essentially right-minded populace capable alike of self-reform and of self-sacrifice, as shown by their anti-opium and anti-gambling movements. For the rest, we are glad to see that, in spite of having lived two-thirds of his life in China, "Mr. Armstrong" has none of the prejudice of the average old China hand against the Republic. "The author is of the opinion that a republican government would suit any other people.... One feels convinced that all China now requires a strong Central Government, determined to put down official corruption and to govern the country rationally and expeditiously. In the hands of such a government China would soon become a World-Power easily able to hold her territory against aggression." It is through his able treatment of these questions of Chinese polity that "Mr. Armstrong's" book meets a present-day need.

South China Morning Post.

British Firms and the East.

It may be accepted as a truism that "trade follows the flag," and as a result of our invasion of eastern waters many years ago Britishers have cultivated a great deal of business with the east, which has been steadily carried on for some decades. Still great as has been the growth of our commerce with the Orient, and insistent as our flag has been before the eyes of travellers on the various highways of commerce, the opinion has now seized some of the greatest engineering firms in England that the opening up of a new era in the history of China makes it imperative for the establishment of an organization formed to promote as well as protect the interests of British manufacturing engineers abroad. As a result the British Engineers' Association has come into being. The objects of the organization are certainly lofty ones, for they are not only drafted to develop as well as guard commercial interests, to watch and report upon the methods and progress of foreign competitors in the Eastern field, but they include the predominance of British technical interests in Asiatic and other centres, the encouragement of technical colleges and school in Great Britain to give facilities for Oriental and other students, and to aid in the establishment of technical schools abroad for the furtherance of the objects of the Association. And further, to endeavour to make the English language the recognised medium for the transaction of all engineering business.

THE NEW COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

The following is the continuation of the correspondence between the Government and the Chamber of Commerce. The other letters appeared in yesterday's issue of the "Hongkong Telegraph":—

In the Supreme Court of Hong Kong.
Original Jurisdiction.

In the Matter of the Companies Ordinance No. 1 of 1865 and in the Matter of the Kwong On Cotton and Yarn Company, Ltd. (In Liquidation).

My Lord,—On the 31st day of October 1910 I was appointed Provisional Official Liquidator of the Kwong On Cotton and Yarn Company, Limited and attended with my clerk to take possession of the books, documents and assets of the Company. I took possession of all the books I could find, but could not obtain possession of the Share Register at that time, but after having one of the private safes belonging to Lik Yik Yu (one of the Managing Directors) opened, I found the Share Register there.

The only other assets besides furniture and about \$2,000 worth of book debts (of which I have collected \$1,521.03) was the uncalled Share capital, which, according to the Share Register, amounted to \$41,000 divided between 28 contributors, only 9 of which had a registered address within the Colony. The balance of the shareholders being residents either of Canton or Macao. I have been unable to serve any of the contributors who are registered as residents in this Colony with the exception of Mr. Pun Chun Wan, whose address is described as "within the premises of Sam Wang Company, Hongkong". My Clerk, on leaving the notice calling upon him to pay the uncalled capital was informed that he now resides in Canton, and I cannot find out whether he has any property in the colony to attack. The Order to make calls dated the 25th July, 1911, has been served on the contributors and advertised in the "On Agar Po" Newspaper of Canton and "Wah Tei Yat Po" newspaper of Hongkong and the date on which the first call of \$25 is due fell on the 28th day of August, 1911 and no payment has been made to me in respect of such call and it appears to me that no payment will be made, as I have been unable to find any of the contributors. Only one of the notices sent to the Canton and Macao contributors has been returned, but I am afraid that if I institute proceedings (with the permission of the Court here) in any of these places the costs will be so heavy and the likelihood of receiving money so remote, that it will not be worth while proceeding against these people.

I should like to draw your Lordship's attention to the fact that out of \$41,000 (being \$50 per share supposed to have been paid on \$20 shares issued) only \$17,200 was actually subscribed so that although the Share Register shows that \$20 shares were issued, as a matter of fact only 344 shares were actually paid for. Had this been a European Company one could easily have traced the 478 shares for which no entry appears in the books of account as there would have been a Balance Sheet prepared showing the Assets and Liabilities of the Company at the date of its incorporation.

I had the Cash Book written up in order to see what cash should be in the safe and found, according to the Cash Book, that there should have been \$3,478.25, but as a matter of fact there was only \$55.20, actual cash in hand.

I have trespassed on your valuable time with this rather lengthy report as I cannot help thinking that this Company was formed with only partly paid up Capital in order to mislead the Yarn Importers, who, when they saw that there was a further liability of \$50 per share, naturally thought that in the event of prices going against the Company they would call up their uncalled Capital and thus be able to satisfy their Creditors. This point was to my mind clearly demonstrated when an employee of the Company was asked how many shares he held, and on his reply that he was

holder of 10 shares, he was asked what position he held in the company, to which he replied that he was a Rickshaw-Coolie.

I have, &c., &c.,
(Sd.) J. Hennessey Seth, 21/0/11.
To His Lordship, The Chief Justice,
Hongkong.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
21st February, 1912.

Sir,—His Excellency the Governor has taken your letter of the 14th of last November into careful consideration and has directed me to make the following reply to the suggestions made by your committee for amendment of the New Companies Ordinance.

1. (a). It is not clear whether it is meant that Chinese Books and accounts are merely to be translated into English or whether an English system of books and accounts is to be substituted for the Chinese system; but in either case the proposal is opposed by the representatives of the Chinese Community. The masterbooks in a Chinese Company must be the Chinese books and there would be much trouble in adjusting the accounts of the directors (who might have no knowledge of English) with those of the English Clerk, which the Directors could not check. In case of difficulty the Chinese Books would have to be re-ordered and translated (if necessary) as is now done. His Excellency is not the officer prepared to entertain this suggestion.

1. (b). His Excellency agrees that the auditors of Chinese Companies—and indeed of all Companies—should be responsible persons; and, as it is impossible to require that all auditors shall be Chartered Accountants, His Excellency is prepared to adopt the suggestion of your Committee that they should be approved by the Registrar of Companies. This provision should, however, apply to auditors of all Companies. I may add there are many Chinese of independent standing who are as competent to audit Chinese accounts as the European auditors are competent to audit the English Accounts.

2. Section 65 is based on Section 65 of the Imperial Act and His Excellency is not satisfied that local companies require to be more drastically treated in this respect than companies in the United Kingdom.

3. The suggestion that Chinese Companies should be treated differently from other Companies in the matter of fully paid up capital appears to conflict with Article XXII 10 of the Royal Instructions and is in His Excellency's opinion open to objection. I may mention incidentally that it would be very difficult to devise a satisfactory definition of "Chinese Companies."

4. With regard to the proposals relating to Companies whose chief or sole place of business is not within the Colony, representations have recently been made to Sir H. J. Sausmarez, the Judge at Shanghai, on this subject in connection with an Order-in-Council, which he is drafting, to define the powers of the Shanghai Court in regard to Companies registered in Hongkong, whose place of business is in China. An amendment of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, will be necessary to meet the terms of such an Order-in-Council and advantage will be taken of the opportunity so offered to give effect to those proposals in your letter under reply which His Excellency is able to accept.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sd.) Claud Severn,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 9th November, 1911.

Sir,—My Committee have been approached by certain British Merchants with regard to the great necessity obtaining for the better control of Joint Stock Companies of wholly, or practically wholly, Chinese or Eurasian Membership and with a Chinese or Eurasian Directorate.

Chinese Members of the Community clearly recognise the advantages of working under the Hongkong Ordinances for 52 Chinese Companies have been registered since 1907 to the end of September, 1911.

As the law is at present, and as it promises to be under the New Companies Ordinance now before the Legislative Council, British and Foreign Merchants have no real protection when dealing with a Company whose Directors and Members may be here to-day and in the interior to-morrow.

To reasonably protect Commerce, my Committee suggest as essential the following additions to the new Companies Ordinance.

1. (a). The Books and Accounts of all Companies registered under the Hongkong Ordinances, must be kept in English.

(b). The auditors of Chinese Companies must be responsible persons approved by the Registrar of Companies.

Obs. (a). This is surely a very reasonable requirement from a concern which becomes "British" immediately upon registration. There seems no hardship from the point of view of expense, for Chinese clerks with a sufficient knowledge of English for book-keeping purposes are plentiful and increasing.

Obs. (b). Under the new proposed Companies Ordinance, every Limited Company must file an annual summary of its Assets and Liabilities with the Registrar of Companies, but unless the Accounts are audited by responsible persons this summary will be a mere farce and should the court or other proper authority consider an investigation by a competent person desirable, it would be a most costly affair, as a certified translation of every book would have to be made before investigation.

2. In addition to the requirements of Clause 65, it is desirable that every Company formed for the purpose of taking over a business as a going concern, should file, as a part of their "Statutory Report," a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities acquired, and—

(1) What parts of such Assets have been realised from date of incorporation to date of Statutory Report.

(2) What parts of such Liabilities have been discharged from date of incorporation to date of Statutory Report.

Obs.—If the law could be made to require the appointment of Auditors (pro tem by the Directors) before the first Annual Meeting, it would be very desirable, for in that case the above Statement would be audited as would the whole Statutory Report.

The effect of such Legislation would be to discourage bogus flotations, but not to hinder bona fide ones.

(3) The capital of Chinese Companies should be paid up, as regards the Capital issued.

Obs. There does not seem to be any particular hardship in this. If a Chinese Company with a Nominal Capital of \$100,000 requires only \$50,000, it can sell and issue half its shares instead of issuing the whole half paid up.

It seems very necessary that some law of this kind, or some form of security as regards uncalled Capital, should obtain.

At the moment, Chinese use this apparent reserve to obtain credit, and it is the unfortunate experience of liquidators that this reserve is seldom, if ever, forthcoming upon a winding-up.

In fact, my Committee understand that the impossibility of collecting the uncalled part of the Capital of a Company in Liquidation is within the experience of the Court itself.

It is so perfectly simple for a Chinaman to disappear to Canton or further afield when required to pay up, and so difficult, if not impossible, for a European to do likewise, that differential treatment is surely urgently necessary.

Another matter which has engaged the attention of my Committee is the position of Companies enjoying the protection of the Hongkong Ordinances whose chief or only place of business is situated outside the Colony, say for example, Shanghai.

It seems extraordinary, and may lead, if it has not already done so, to considerable abuse that it is possible, at the present moment, for a Company to form itself in Shanghai, whose Members may all be of a nationality other than British, likewise its Directors, Solicitors, Bankers and Auditors, its registered office in the Colony with a foreign firm, and yet it

may possess the proud privilege of calling itself a "British" Company. A concrete example of this state of affairs may be found in the enclosed copy of a letter from a Shanghai firm of practising Accountants.

My Committee are aware that the same thing may happen in England, or, indeed, in the Colony itself, but in those cases the assets of the Company would be under the control of the Court, and the Directors would be on the spot.

Presumably if redress were sought against defaulting Directors the action would have to be brought in a Consular Court, where the law is probably totally different to that of this Colony.

Of what use the pains and penalties of the new, or any other Hongkong Ordinance, then?

Using my example, it might be said that the Shareholders may be of a nationality not needing British protection, but, taking the concrete example from Messrs. Lowe, Pingham and Matthews' letter, some of the Shareholders are British induced to take shares by the existence of a then largely British Directorate. How are these protected by the new Ordinance?

My Committee venture to suggest that in the case of a Company enjoying the privilege of working under the Hongkong Ordinance whose sole place of business is not within the Colony, the law should require that—

(1) Half, at least, of the Directors shall be British.

(2) The Auditor, or Auditors, shall be responsible Britishers, approved by the British Consul of the port or place at which the Company's Head Office is situated.

(3) The Registered Office of the Company in Hongkong shall be with a British firm.

These conditions appear to be almost essential to enable a Company to properly understand and carry out the elaborate and necessary requirements of the proposed New Companies Ordinance.

No loss of Revenue would result to the Colony by reason of the restrictions, for it may be taken for granted that no Company is formed outside the Colony which does not consider it worth while to pay the consequent fees for the advantages offered.

My Committee trust that the suggestions contained in the letter which are advanced solely for the protection of Commerce will receive the sympathetic consideration of His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.,
(Sd.) E. A. M. Williams,
Secretary.
The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

OFFICIALS THEN AND NOW.

The following lamentation appears in a Chinese paper:—
Before, officials used money to get into office. Now they use force.

Before, there were many expected officials. Now there are many provisional officials.

Before, they left their homes to become officials. Now they are officials at home.

Before, there were many officials who did not come out. Now there are many who cannot be made to leave their posts.

Before, officials were impeached and then put out of office. Now officials have to be taken to court before they go.

Before, officials protected and helped each other. Now they are jealous and strive with each other.

Before, there were many who, when young, wished to come into office, and till they grew old they could not reach the goal. Now there are many who in the morning wish to become an official and before evening they have got an office.

Also, What great difference is there between officials of old and now.

To help the Loan.
The officials of the Kin Han Railway have agreed to contribute a tenth of their monthly salary to the people's loan.

Governor Chen.
The Chinese Daily News learns that Governor Chen Te-chuen cannot leave Soochow for Nanking immediately on account of the recent trouble in Soochow.

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A Great Scientific Discovery.

Major-General Ross, Professor of Tropical Medicine in the University of Liverpool, has just published a pamphlet summarising the facts known with regard to Malaria which, as Sir Joseph Fayrer has written, "is the cause of more sickness and invaliding than almost all other diseases combined, and seldom entirely ceases to manifest its effects on the constitution."

As everyone knows, Malaria is due to enormous numbers of minute blood parasites called plasmodia, which are introduced into the body by a certain mosquito, of which there are about a hundred and twenty known species.

Major Ross's pamphlet is of extreme importance to all who live in the Tropics, for he also writes with great clearness on the personal precautions to be taken to avoid infection. When, however, infection has occurred, and the acute stage has been cured with quinine, the sufferer's blood is invariably in so poor a condition that he suffers from anæmia with its long list of depressing symptoms. His great need is, then, of something which will revitalise the blood, restore to their full number the red corpuscles which have been destroyed, renew the wasted tissues, thus restoring the weight which has been lost and reinvigorating the nervous system, thus making the sufferer feel well and strong.

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THE AMERICAN ELECTION.

Readers of the "Telegraph" will note that in to-day's issue we print a series of telegrams from our special correspondent dealing with the U.S. Presidential election, which, with the opening of the Republican Convention, has now entered on its first stage. The service will be continued throughout the campaign, and we trust that our readers will appreciate the arrangements which have been made to that end.

CANTON NEWS.

Financial Scheme.

(The "Telegraph" Correspondent.)

Canton, June 18.

As already reported, Mr. Liu Chang-hoi, Commissioner of Finance, has suggested to the Governor-General the establishment of a bank in Canton with a capital of \$10,000,000. As soon as this bank is established, the Treasury will be abolished, and all the properties, etc., will be transferred to the custody of this bank. It is reported that Mr. Liu Chang-hoi intends to approach to the Canton-Hankow Railway Company on the matter of allowing the bank to act as clearing agent for the Company in connection with the third call on the shares and also to approach the Wei-chow and Chiu-chow Railway Company for a similar purpose. The bank will also enjoy the privilege of taking charge of the issuing of national bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000. As regards these bonds, the holders will be rewarded with prize gifts.

Mr. Ng Huk-fong, Manager of the Ng Huk Fong Steamship Co., Hongkong, has suggested to the Governor-General the formation of a Kwangtung People's Bank. The head office will be established in Canton with a capital of \$10,000,000. There will be 200,000 shares of \$5 each to be paid up in full. The shares are to be paid up half in subsidiary coins and the other half in Canton notes. The bank will issue notes to the extent of \$5,000,000 and place \$5,000,000 in Canton notes, collected from the payment of the shares, in the custody of the Government against reserve. The shareholders, who pay up the shares in Hongkong notes will be allowed premium. The bank will employ 5,000 men to serve on the Committee for soliciting shares. Each member is to canvass for at least \$2,000 in shares and should have \$200 worth of shares in his name.

Against Gambling.
The Governor-General has taken a firm hand in the campaign against gambling. In a proclamation he says now that the Republican Government has been established, gambling should be a thing of the past. By this proclamation, people of all classes and societies are warned against indulging in gambling, and all shops selling gambling materials will be forced to close up and have all their stocks destroyed by fire. In future if they continue this nefarious trade, they will be severely punished on discovery.

Foreign Indemnities

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has telegraphed to the Governor-General of the various provinces that as specified in Treaty stipulations, the receipts of the Customs revenue are to be devoted to the payment of foreign indemnities by China. He points out that since the Revolution the Chief Customs Commissioner has had charge of the revenue, but the receipts up to the 31st of March only show a total of a little over Tls. 5,000,000, which is insufficient to pay off the indemnities, which total over Tls. 18,000,000. The Central Government is therefore at a loss to know how to find money to pay off the indemnities, but suggests now that peace is restored that it is quite time for the provinces to remit their shares of the payment of indemnities and the salt revenue to Peking. This will prevent the foreigners from continuing to take charge of China's revenue.

COMPANY MEETING.

MESSRS. WATKINS, Ltd.,
VOLUNTARY WINDING UP.

To-day's Meeting.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders in Messrs. Watkins, Ltd., was held to-day at noon in the offices of the company, when the following resolution, which was passed as an extraordinary resolution at the extraordinary meeting of the company, held on the 31st day of May, 1912, was submitted for confirmation as a special resolution:—That the company be wound-up voluntarily, and that Ernest Alfred Mountford Williams, Incorporated Accountant of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, be and he is hereby appointed liquidator for the purpose of such winding-up.

There were present Messrs. G. A. Watkins, chairman; O. L. Arculi, A. S. Ellis, Ng Hon-tsz, Chow Hon-wah, Tsang Yui-kei, E. A. M. Williams, G. Curry, and Chan A. Fook, secretary.

The chairman, having read the notice convening the meeting, formally moved the confirmation of the resolution.

Mr. G. Curry seconded and the motion was carried.

The chairman then declared the meeting closed.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY

Arrival of Sir Charles Elliot.

Sir Charles Elliot, K.C.M.G., the first Principal of Hongkong University, arrived in the Colony yesterday afternoon by the s.s. Kumo Maru and was given a most cordial greeting by the little party which gathered at the Kowloon wharf to meet him. It was not expected that the vessel by which he was travelling would arrive in port until to-day but, helped by the strong monsoon, the boat made a fast run from Singapore and arrived in harbour just after 4 o'clock. She immediately proceeded to the Kowloon wharf, where there were assembled to meet the distinguished Professor a goodly gathering of those interested in the progress of University education in Hongkong. These comprised several members of the University Council and others, including Sir Kai Ho-kai, the Rev. Fr. Spada, Messrs. H. E. Pollock, J. R. Wood (Director of Education), J. H. N. Mody, H. W. Looker, H. R. Phelps, Dixon, Sothman, and Tso Siu-ki.

Captain Agg, A. D. C. to the Officer Administering the Government, conveyed His Excellency's respects to Sir Charles, who subsequently crossed the harbour and proceeded to Mountain Lodge, His Excellency's summer residence, where he is at present staying. Sir Charles had had an excellent trip and appeared in the very best of health.

To-day a "Telegraph" representative endeavoured to procure a brief interview with the new Principal, but was informed that for the present Sir Charles would prefer not to be interviewed.

The career of Sir Charles Elliot is set out in "Who's who" as follows:—

Elliot, Sir Charles Norton Edgcombe, K.C.M.G., cr. 1900; C.B., 1908; M.A., L.L.D. (Hon. Edin.); D.O.L. (Hon. Durham); b. 1804; S. of Rev. E. Elliot of Norton Bant, Edgcombeham; Balliol College, Oxford; Scholar Hertford, 1821; B.A., 1824; B.Litt., 1825; B.A., 1824; B.Litt., 1825; Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford; Third Secretary Embassy at St. Petersburg, 1831-32; Constantinople, 1833-38; Charge d'Affaires, Morocco, 1839-43; Bulgaria, 1845; Serbia, 1847; Secretary British Embassy, Washington, 1848; British High Commissioner, Samoa, 1889; H.M.'s Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief for the British East Africa Protectorate, Agent and Consul-General at Zanzibar, Consul-General for German East Africa, 1900-04; resigned 1904; Vice-Chancellor of University of Sheffield, 1905; Publications: A Finnish Grammar, 1830; Turkey in Europe, 1830; The East Africa Protectorate, 1905; Letters from the Far East, 1907; many papers on Marine Zoology.

THE DRAGON FESTIVAL.

To-day one of the most picturesque of all China's quaint festivals is kept in the form of the Dragon Festival, a fête that has its origin shrouded in the mystery which seems to enfold much that is characteristic of the race. This year it is undergoing many vicissitudes for, while it is being held in Aberdeen, the Governor-General of Canton has seen fit to forbid the holding of the race of the dragons in the City of Rams, at least this year. Whatever the early form of the ceremony was, it is now nothing more than a race. Long narrow boats, with curving prows and figure heads resembling the traditional dragon, resplendent with carving and many hued banners, are rowed up to the starting point by crews of about eighty apiece, to the usual accompaniment of gongs and yells of encouragement from the supporters of the various crews. In fact, it might very well be described as a Chinese edition of the university boat race. The signal is soon given, and the craft tear away with marvellous rapidity. The swift abiding canoes, the glistening bodies of the rowers, the tense expression on their faces, the rhythmic rise and fall of the shining paddles, the shouts of the oarsmen, and the bedlam of noise from the shore, tend to create a lasting impression of the love of the Chinese for noise—and plenty of it. When the race is won the victors are not slow to give vent to their pride of conquest, and feasting and all manner of jollities follow the annual contest.

To the European it is interesting to know from what ritual the present contest was derived. It is somewhat obscured by many contradictory traditions, but it is generally accepted that it was originally a feast set apart to commemorate the good qualities of Wat Yuen the great statesman of Hunan who lived many centuries ago. So good was his rule that he was universally beloved, and many, jealous of his increasing power, secured his impeachment before his death, with the result that he was wrongfully banished. The injustice preyed on the mind of the fallen statesman that, in a fit of despondency, he jumped into a river and was drowned on the fifth day of the fifth moon.

Soon after his death the people began to realise what a good friend they had lost and, to keep his memory green in the minds of their descendants, the people instituted an annual sacrifice to be made on the anniversary of his death. The offerings consisted of rice, thrown broadcast into the waters, but, according to the records, after the first of these sacrificial meetings, the spirit of Yuen appeared to certain of the wisemen in the country, and, in great distress informed them that the fish had eaten all the rice thrown into the river and had left him none.

From that time onward, the offerings of rice were made into a species of dumpling wrapped in leaves so that the fish could not get at it, while, contemporaneously with that departure, the dragon boat was used instead of the small boats that had been favoured previously. As years went on the crews of the boats made it a practice to race to the spot where the offerings were consigned to the river, and so, though the many centuries that have elapsed since the origin of the festival, has evolved the present annual race.

It must not be thought that the feast ends here, for many who cannot attend the race perform the necessary "joss" at home. Crackers are fired, paper dragons burnt, and the usual quota of joss clothing is added to the dead man's wardrobe in the spiritland.

NAVAL NEWS.

H.M.S. Minotaur sailed yesterday for Weihaiwei, and H.M.S. Atlas left for the same port this morning.
H.M.S. Britomart is at Swatow and may be expected here to-morrow.

MARINE COURT.

The Harbour Pests Again.

This morning at the Marine Magistrate's court, before Commander C. W. Bookwith, L. S. W. Thompson charged to Wa Tai the master of the steam launch Vintor with making fast to the s.s. Kuoichow while that vessel was under way in the harbour on the 18th inst.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. L. S. W. Thompson said that he saw the defendant's boat go alongside the Kuoichow when she was going through the water towards her buoy.

The defendant deposed that the gangway was down and the vessel's rope out to the buoy, and he thought that the ship was alright for him to go on board.

The case was dismissed, as the defendant had no previous conviction against him, but a caution was administered.

Fatal Possibilities.

Acting-Inspector Sim of Aberdeen charged two boat women with making fast to the s.s. Lun On while she was under way in the Aberdeen harbour on June 18.

Inspector Sim said that the offence was committed while the launch was coming into Aberdeen Pier at about half speed, and one of the boats all but capsized. The practice, he considered, was very dangerous and would probably end fatally sooner or later.

The defendants swore that the launch had stopped.

Remarking that the practice had got to be stopped, the magistrate fined the defendants \$25 each, or, in default, imprisonment for two months with hard labour.

For lying alongside the Bank Wharf in such a manner as to prevent the free access thereto of other vessels the master of the s.s. Aloha was fined five dollars, or, in default, fourteen days with hard labour.

HONGKONG OPIUM

Chinese Government must not be "Bluffed."

We print—without comment—the following letter which has been sent by "A Chinese" to the "Peking Daily News." "It is highly important that our Government should not be bluffed by the wholesale opium merchants into buying the existing stocks of opium at Shanghai and Hongkong. The present dilemma has been created by the folly and avarice of the merchants themselves and they should not make us suffer the consequences.

Last year before the coming into effect of the new Agreement, they bought every chest of opium they could find in Calcutta and imported them into Hongkong and Shanghai. Their action had the natural effect of inflating prices, but, being determined to corner the market at all costs, they continued to buy even after prices had advanced to double the normal rate. Last summer saw a frantic demand for Indian opium, and Chinese merchants were offering Tls. 4,000 per chest, although the normal price was from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per chest. These offers were refused by the wholesale merchants who demanded Tls. 5,000 to Tls. 6,000 per chest. Suddenly the revolution brought a change in the situation and the former feverish demand for Indian opium collapsed.

The opium merchants then found themselves in a dreadful dilemma—the direct result of their own cupidity and cunning—and, following the usual precedents in dealing with poor, weak China, they are now trying their best to put up a game of bluff, and are clamouring for our Government to purchase their accumulated stock not only at the inflated prices they paid, but with a very handsome profit added thereon. For instance, the 21,000 odd chests are valued at \$10,000,000 which means that they are demanding roughly \$5,000 per chest. I do hope that in this instance at least, our Government will stand firm on its rights and will absolutely refuse to buy this opium even though these cunning fellows may promise to stop the further opium when their stocks are disposed of.

NEW C. P. R. SUPERINTENDENT.

According to a despatch from Winnipeg, Mr. Frank Peters, assistant to the western vice-president of the C. P. R., has been appointed successor to the late Mr. James Osborne, general superintendent, with headquarters at Vancouver.

Mr. Peters has long been associated with important business of the C. P. R. on lines west of Winnipeg and is known in railway and municipal circles as the diplomat of the C. P. R. executive. The fact that he ranks higher than a general superintendent in the service is a sign that important changes are to be made in the executive offices in Vancouver. Mr. Peters is likely to take hold of work of more importance than generally falls to the share of a general superintendent, who is primarily in command of the operating part of a railway. Mr. Peters has been many years on the western lines of the C. P. R. and is almost as well known in Vancouver as in Winnipeg. He has many business and personal friends here and will be welcomed when he takes up his official residence, which is expected to be immediately upon the arrival of Vice-President Bury.

Mr. Peters represented the C. P. R. in the negotiations for the ferry subway and the Georgian street viaduct over the False Creek yards.

A. M. Stevens, formerly chief train dispatcher at Vancouver and at present superintendent at Moosejaw, is appointed assistant general superintendent of British Columbia lines.

COCAINE HAUL AT BOMBAY.

An ordinary peon of the Customs Department has covered himself with glory and, single-handed, brought off one of the biggest captures of cocaine ever made in Bombay, namely, 21 1/4 pounds of the drug valued roughly at Rs. 20,000. The peon saw a tony dandy passing through the export gate at Medy Bunder. The man was carrying a bundle. The Customs man questioned the long-shoreman as to the contents and was told it was a jack fruit. This was not satisfactory, and a search was insisted upon, when the cocaine was found.

The man was produced before Mr. C. R. Watkins, Assistant Collector, when further statements were made. The tonyman alleges he had received the drug from a foreign ship now in harbour. Enquiries are proceeding.—"Bombay Gazette," May 25.

DON'T FORGET.

Saturday, June 22.
China and Manila S. S. Co. Meeting, noon.
Variety Entertainment, Mount Austin.

Wednesday, June 26.
7 p.m. Entries close for Gynkhana.

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Wednesday, July 3.
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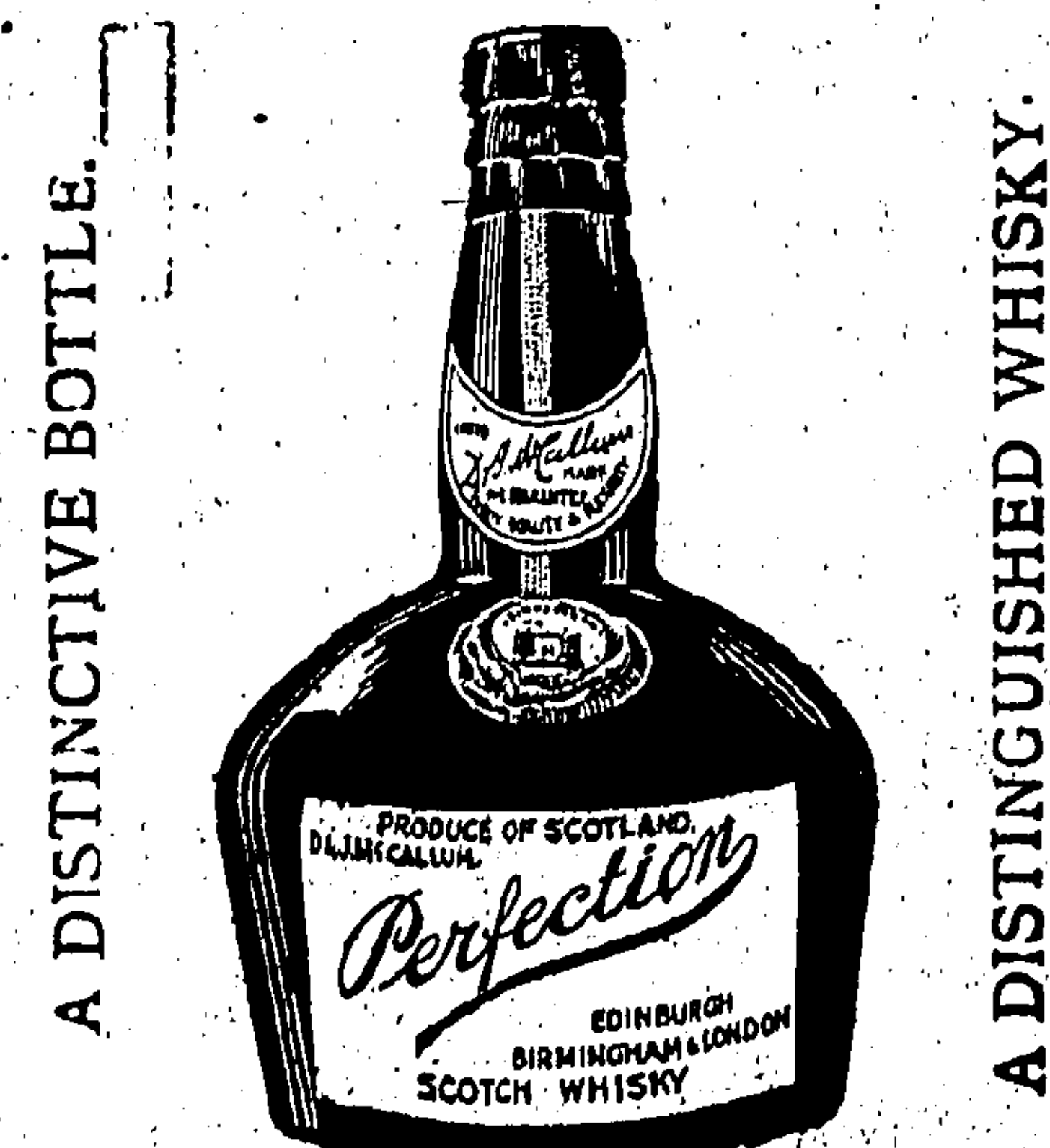
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LOG BOOK.

German Navy Estimates.

According to announcements in the Press orders have now been placed covering the whole of the program of new construction provided for in the German Navy estimates for the financial year 1912, says a dispatch dated Berlin, May 2. The battleship Ersatz Branneburg will be built at the Germania yards at Kiel and the large cruiser Kaiserin Augusta at the Schichau yards at Danzig. The small cruiser Ersatz Prinzess Wilhelm will be built at the Imperial yards at Kiel and the small cruiser Ersatz Irene at the Vulkan yards at Stettin. A whole flotilla of 12 torpedo-boats has been ordered from the Schichau yards and six submarines have been ordered from the Germania yards at Kiel. The number of submarines built and building is always rather doubtful in the absence of any official information, but the present announcement regarding the order of submarines for 1912 corresponds with a note appended to the new Navy Law Amendment Bill, which says that it is intended to provide for six submarines every year. As regards torpedo-boats, there is good reason to believe that the order for 12 boats was placed with the firm of Schichau some months ago. It will be observed, says the "China Press," that the whole order is placed this year with a single yard, whereas in recent years the order had been divided between either three or two firms.

New N.Y.K. Steamer.

There has been launched at Old Kilpatrick the steamer Omi Maru, which has been built to the order of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Tokyo, for their Eastern trade. The dimensions of the vessel are:—Length, 345 ft.; breadth, 46 ft.; depth, moulded, 28 ft.; with a gross measurement of about 4,000 tons. The steamer has been built to the rules of Lloyd's Register for their highest class. Accommodation for a large number of first-class passengers is provided in state rooms on the shelter deck, with dining saloon and smoke-room, and accommodation for third-class passengers is provided in 'tween decks aft. The machinery consists of triple-expansion engines and two large main boilers and a donkey boiler. The engines are designed to give a speed of 14.1-2 knots.

Striking Economies Effected by a Motor Ship.

On May 20 the official trial took place on the Clyde of the twin-screw motorship Jutlandia, which has just been completed by Messrs. Barclay, Curle & Co., Glasgow, for the East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen. This ship is the largest to be driven by oil power that has yet been constructed, although the builders are engaged on a larger vessel. The Jutlandia's gross tonnage is 5,000, load displacement 10,550 tons, and indicated horsepower 2,500. The fuel capacity is 1,000 tons of oil.

The following is a comparison of the results obtained by oil and coal-driven vessels of equal size and horsepower:—

	Oil.	Coal.
Mileage per 1,000 tons.....	28,800	6,850
Cost of fuel per month.....	2000	2882
Staff.....	8 men	16 men
Wages per month.....	286	1114

Further economies are effected in the catering and other departments.

Destroyer for £1310.

The following prices were realised at Chatham for seven obsolete destroyers, which originally cost from £36,000 to £40,000 each: Snapper, £1,780; Salmon, £1,740; Dasher, £1,630; Charger and Starfish, £1,600 each; Sturgeon, £1,590; and Hawok, £1,510.

More Contributions To Loan.

Native papers report that the Central Government has received many telegrams from the provinces contributing a sum of money amounting to one million and four hundred thousand taels; viz, three hundred thousand from Hunan, five hundred thousand from Szechuan, three hundred thousand from Kiang, one hundred thousand from Mukden, and two hundred thousand from Shanghai.

COMMERCIAL.

Shanghai Piece Goods Market.

Messrs. Ilbert & Co., Ltd., under date June 7, report as follows:—

Exports during the month of May from the United Kingdom to Hongkong and China are telegraphed privately as follows:—

Grey Shirtings 8.1-4lb.—We have another uneventful week to record, with only a small re-sale business transpiring. Auction shops were mostly easier.

T-Cloths and Jeans.—We have nothing to report in either of these lines. At auction, T-Cloths were irregular and Jeans were down.

Drills and Sheetings.—The only business reported in the former of these is a sale of P. M. C. at Tls. 5.30. There has been rather more enquiry from the North for American Sheetings, and a moderate business has been transacted at reduced rates.

Dyed and Fancy Cottons.—The auctioneers are again responsible for practically all the business effected in these; the majority of auction shops of Fast Black Cotton Italians and Venetians were appreciably firmer.

Cotton.—There is no change to report in the market for the local staple and quotations are nominally the same as last recorded. Best Tungchow Tls. 27.00, Steam Gunnet Tls. 25.02, Four Chops Tls. 25.80, Shanghai Ordinary Tls. 25.40.

Shanghai Exchange Circular.

Messrs. Maitland & Fearon in their exchange circular for the week ending June 12 write as follows:—

Fluctuations in the London price of silver have again been slight, the last quotation advised 28.1-8d. is 1-1-10d. higher than last week. The price for forward delivery—28.1-4d.—is the same as last week. The official rate for T.T. on London at the close, 2/ 8.7-8d. is 1-8d. higher than last week, and the market may be quoted as steady to firm, with 2/9 offering for forward delivery. Our local market has this week been influenced by speculators, who appear to be inclined to again go on the oversold side in T.T. on London. Their operations so far have only steadied the market, which, in the absence of any appreciable amount of export paper offering would have been easy. We understand that a sterling rate has been settled on the balance of the Tls. 9,000,000 which has already been advanced to the Chinese Government by the Powers Syndicate, and it is probable that the full rates offering for forward T.T. on London are against this settlement, and have no particular reference to the position of the home silver markets, which although steady, would appear to require support from China or India, before they can be called strong. Local stocks of silver and bar silver remain in the neighbourhood of Tls. 27,000,000 with further arrivals of bar silver expected.

Rubber and the Drought.

The report of the Golconda Malay Rubber Company, Limited, states that the total amount of rubber harvested during the year to December 31 was 208,302 lbs. against an estimate of 250,000 lbs. The crop secured in 1910 was 178,315 lbs. The phenomenal drought which was experienced over practically the whole world during the year 1911, and which in most parts of the Malay States extended over the first three months, relieved by a normal rainfall in April and May, and again becoming more severe during following three months, had the effect of checking the normal flow of latex. It is not surprising, therefore, that estimates generally in rubber-growing countries were entirely upset, and that superintendents have as a rule, made conservative estimates for the current year, as is evidenced by Mr. Mooyar's estimate of 250,000 lbs. for 1912. The balance of profit amounts to £33,093. Of this amount the interim dividend of 20 per cent. absorbed £14,000, leaving a balance of £19,093. The directors recommend that a final dividend of 20 per cent. be paid, making 40 per cent. for the year, £14,000, leaving a balance to be carried forward of £5,093, subject to directors' special remuneration.

SANITARY BOARD.

The Removal of Ceilings.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon when there were present Messrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, the president, Hon. Mr. W. C. Chatham, Director of Public Works, F. B. L. Bowley, W. L. Carter, Chan Kai Ming, Ng Hon Tsz, Col. Irwin, Dr. W. F. Clark, M. O. H., Dr. Fitzwilliams, Dr. Pearce, Assist. M. O. H. and the secretary, Mr. Bowen-Rowlands.

A minute was read from the assistant Medical Officer of Health regarding offensive trades. Dr. Pearce said that the trades more especially referred to were those of cleaning human hair and feathers. The trades were at present carried on in premises which were most unsuitable. In the human hair industry the walls got very greasy and there was a certain amount of bad smell which arose to the inconvenience of other inhabitants of the place.

The Hon. Mr. Chatham moved the adoption of the assistant Medical Officer of Health's minute that the trades should be confined to limits which he considered suitable for such purposes.

The president seconded, but it was decided eventually to accept a motion of Mr. Bowley, seconded by Mr. Carter, referring the matter to a select committee of Messrs. Ng Hon Tsz, the Registrar General, W. L. Carter and Dr. Pearce.

A Sporadic Case.

In reference to a minute by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon relative to a case of anthrax at the Kennedy Town Depot the president said that the case was a sporadic one. There had been no outbreak, but it was usual to bring cases before the notice of the board. He proposed to lay the paper on the table.

Mr. Chan Kai-ming asked the following questions standing in his name:—

(1) "Is it a fact that an application for the removal of a notice has been received by the Board in connection with the ceilings of Nos. 88 and 90 Wellington Street?"

(2) "If so, on what ground has it been withheld from the Board?"

The replies read by the president were:—(1) Yes; the letter was dated May 31, 1912. (2) On the ground that the matter to be referred to the board had, in fact, to be referred to the M.C.H.

In connection with the correspondence relative to the destruction of ceilings at Nos. 88 and 90, Wellington Street, the president said:—I do not propose to speak at any length on the matter as Mr. Bowley has raised questions in the nature of three resolutions which he proposes, with the permission of the Board, to bring before the Board. The only thing I should like to point out in connection with the last part of Mr. Ng Hon Tsz's minute regarding the Chinese community may feel annoyed at the inconvenience caused by the removal of ceilings if they find that European buildings are not subjected to the same rule as theirs. I would like to ask Mr. Ng Hon Tsz to visit the Berlin Foundling Mission, the Cafe Weismann, and the "South China Morning Post" and various other buildings in which we have unfortunately been compelled to order the removal of ceilings. That different treatment has been apportioned to the European community from that which is being to the Chinese community where plague exists, I maintain is not true and I think the cases in point will show that this statement is incorrect.

Two Questions.

Mr. Bowley:—I have given notice to the secretary that I propose to put two questions to the Medical Officer of Health; will the board grant me permission to put the questions now?

Mr. Carter:—There seems to be a very important point raised in the papers and several other members and myself of the board do not appear to have seen them. I think on those grounds the matter should be postponed until the next meeting.

The President:—I would point out that Mr. Bowley's letter was only received late on Friday and it is only natural that some of the members should not have seen them.

Mr. Carter:—As some of the members have not seen the papers it seem to me that we ought not to go on.

Mr. Wolfe:—I take it that you move that the plea of urgency does not hold and that the motions be held over?

Mr. Carter:—Yes.

The Hon. Mr. Hallifax:—I second that. I am acquainted with some of the facts, but I have not seen the papers.

Mr. Wolfe:—Late yesterday afternoon I received, or rather the secretary did, two communications from Mr. Bowley enclosed with which were two questions relating to Nos. 88 and 90 Wellington Street. I think I am right in saying that as the forty-eight hours' notice which is due under the standing orders has not been complied with, I consider that I should draw the attention of the board to what I think is a gross breach of the privileges of the board in communicating these two questions and the resolutions (Continued on page 10.)

Public Companies

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Buildings, 6 Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 22nd June, 1912, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1911, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRAFALGAR BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 19th June to SATURDAY, the 22nd June, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 11th June, 1912. [438]

Consignee

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"KAMO MARU," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, to-day.

Goods not cleared by the 26th June, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents. Hongkong, 18th June, 1912. [43]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE AFGAR," having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at consignee's risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD. Agents. Hongkong, 18th June, 1912. [440]

WING KEE & CO.

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Hongkong, 22nd June 1912. [4]

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager. Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [18]

Consignees

AMERICAN AND MA CHURIAN LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"KANSAS," Capt. B. Linklater, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that an Average bond is lying at the office of the undersigned for their signature and that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and entered at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, 19th inst., at 10 A.M.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 18th June, 1912. [441]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "SHINYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU & JAPAN PORTS.

The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on MONDAY, 17th inst., at 5 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on FRIDAY, the 21st inst., afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or godown and examination of same to be arranged. All claims must be filed on or before the 28th inst., otherwise they will not be recognised.

S. MORITOMO, Agent. Hongkong, 14th June, 1912. [13]

Banks

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.

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Wm. DICKSON, Manager. Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [22]

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R. TIMMERSCHEIDT, Manager. Hongkong, 8th Oct., 1911. [3]

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80 d/s 2/- 3/18	80 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne... 2/- 15/18
4 m/s 2/- 7/18	80 d/s. San Francisco & New York... 49 1/2
VT. Shanghai 72 1/2	4 m/s. Marks 31 1/2
VT. Singapore 80 1/2	4 m/s. Francs 2.58
VT. Japan 99 1/2	4 m/s. do 2.61
VT. India 150 1/2	Bar silver, ready 32 1/2
Demand India 151 1/2	forward 32 1/2
Demand, Manila 99 1/2	Bank of England rate 8 1/2
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VT. Java 12 1/2	
VT. Marks 20 1/2	
VT. Francs 2.64	

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Hongkong 20 " ... 8	Malwa, V. Old ... 3.260 "
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	Patna, New 3.375 per che
	Patna, Old 3.125 "
	Benares, New 3.275 "
	Benares, Old 3.100 "

SHARE REPORT

STOCKS & PAID UP VALOR.		CLOSING QUOTE.		LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE.	
BANKS.					
Hongkong & S'hai	\$125	\$380	a.	£2.50 at ex 1/10 equal to \$24.27 for 1 year ending 31-12-11	
		484		£2 equal \$22.83 for 1 year ending 30 June 1911.	
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Canton	\$50	\$225	b.	\$18 for 1910	
North China	45	T140	a.	Interim of 10/- for 1911	
				Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1910 and Interim of \$30 for 1911	
Union	\$100	\$300	a.	\$12 for 1 09 and Int. of \$8 on account of 1910	
Yangtze	50	\$195			
FIRE INSURANCES.					
China Fire	\$20	\$132	sa.	\$7 & 1/2 of \$2 for 1911	
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$358	b.	\$27 for 1910	
SHIPPING.					
China & Manilla	\$25	\$10		\$1 for 1906	
Douglas Steamships	\$50	\$27	a.	5 p.c. for year end'g 30-6-11	
Steamboats	\$10	\$27	a.	Dividend of \$1 for half year ending 31-12-11	
Indo-China (Preferred)				{ 8% final making 6% for 1908 6% div. for 1909 on preferred shares	
(Deferred)	45	\$67	b.	{ 1/- per share Coupon No 15 3/8 per share Coupon No. 16 for 1911.	
"Shell" Transports	41	107/-		Div. 7 p. c. for year end- Bon. 5 p. c. for 80-4-11	
"Star Ferry"	{ \$10	\$36	b.		
	\$5	\$28	b.		
REFINERIES.					
China Sugars	\$100	\$106	b.	\$10 for 1910	
Luxon Sugars	\$100	\$33		\$8 for 1897	
MINING.					
Chinese Engineering	41	85/-		Interim of 1/- on account for year ending 28-2-11 (Coupon No. 16)	
Tientsin	41	74/8			
Raubs	41	\$5.30	a.	1s. 2d. per share on 150,000	
DOCKS, WHARVES, & GODOWNS.					
Kowloon Wharfs	\$50	\$60	a.	\$3 for year ending 31-12-11	
H. K. & W'poa Docks	\$50	\$47	a.	\$1 final dividend for year 1912	
Shanghai Docks	T. 100	\$100	b.	Tls. 2 1/2 for 1910	
Hongkew Wharfs	T. 100	\$100		Final of Tls. 4 for 1910	
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.					
Anglo French Lands	T. 100	\$104	b.	Tls. 6 2/3-2-10	
		\$112	b.	{ \$3 on old shares, \$1.50 on new shares for half year 31-12-11	
Hongkong Hotels	\$50	\$72	b.	Interim div. of \$3 for 1911	
Hongkong Lands	\$100	\$106	a.	40 cents for 1911	
Humphreys Estates	\$10	\$71	b.	\$2.75 for 1911	
Kowloon Lands	\$30	\$34	b.	5% for half year to 30-6-11.	
Shanghai Lands	T. 30	\$1.80		Interim div. of \$3 for 1911 and final of \$3 making \$4.00 for 1911	
West Point	\$50	\$55	sa.	15 per cent. for 1910	
Manila M'pole Hotel	P. 10	\$8		T4 for year end'g 31-10-10	
COTTON MILLS.				T7 for year ended 30-12-10	
Ewas	T. 50	\$86		50 cents 31-7-08	
Hongkong Cottons	\$10	\$5		\$1 for 1911	
MISCELLANEOUS.					
China-Borneo	\$12	\$21	a.	70 cents for 1911	
Light and Powers	\$10	\$2	b.	\$1.25 for year end'g 31-7-11	
Do. (Spec. shares)	\$1	\$2	a.	40 cents for 1911	
China Providents	\$10	\$2			
Dairy Farms	\$5	\$22			
Green Islands	\$10	\$4	a.		
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$22 1/2	b.	\$1.40 per share	
Hongkong Loss	\$25	\$212	a.	Final div. of \$10 for year ending 31-12-11	
Hongkong Ropes	\$10	\$19 1/2		\$1 interim account 1911	
Langkats	g. 10	T. 67 1/2	a.	{ Special bonus T. 2 15-1-11	
				{ Interim div. T. 1 15-3-11	
				{ Interim div. T. 1 15-6-11	
				{ Interim div. T. 1 15-9-11	
Morning Post	\$25	\$22		None	
Peak Tramway	\$10	\$11 1/2	a.	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30-4-12	
Do. (new)	\$1	\$1	b.	None	
Philippines	\$10	\$5 b.		\$1.50 for 1910	
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$12	a.		
Societe des Papeteries	\$50	\$33		First year	
Pulperies	{ paid up \$50				
Papeteries du Tonkin	Benefit	\$250			
Banghal-Samrat	T. 20	T110		No dividend this year	
Steam Laundry	\$5	\$6 1/2	b.	50 cts. for year end'g 30 5-1	
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.,	\$10	\$10		15 per cent. per ordinary share for year ending 31-5-1911	
United Asbestos Founders Shares ...	\$10	\$300			
Union Waterboat	\$10	\$9		75 cents. per share for year ending 31-12-1911	
Wiemann, Ltd.	\$10	\$15 b.		10 per cent. for year ending 31-7-10.	
Watson	\$10	\$4 1/2	a.	40 cents for 1910	
William Powell		\$3 a. & b.			
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SANITARY BOARD.

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to the press before you had obtained the permission of the Board to bring them forward. I think the attention of the Board should be drawn to this and that you should in future take notice of the standing orders on the subject. It is not proposed by Mr. Carter and seconded by the Registrar General that the two questions proposed by you are not of sufficient urgency to be brought before this meeting. I will put that to the Board.

Mr. Bowley rose to address the Board.
The President:—Do you rise to a point of order?

Mr. Bowley:—I think I am entitled to say something on what has just been said.

Mr. Bowley explains.

Continuing Mr. Bowley said that in order to facilitate the notice of the resolutions reaching the members of the board he communicated the questions and the resolution to the senior morning paper. He was very sorry if by doing so he infringed the privileges of the board. He failed to see, however, how he could have done so, as the proceedings of the board were public and the only question that there could be was whether the resolutions should be dealt with at this meeting or the next. It seemed to him that it could not be an infringement of the privileges of the board. With regard to the urgency of the matter, he had a few remarks to make. It was well known to everybody that at the present time the Medical Officer of Health and the officers of the department were busily engaged in the destruction of the ceilings in a great many of the buildings of the colony. That had raised a good deal of feeling among the people in the colony, and he considered that there was plenty to support the plea of urgency.

It was clear that neither the Medical Officer nor the officials of the Board would stay their hand until the question was considered and on the ground that the question of the destruction of the ceilings was of urgent public interest he asked the leave of the Board to introduce the matter.

The question was put to the meeting and it was decided by five votes to three that the discussion of the matter should be left over until the next meeting. Messrs. Bowley, Ng Hon Tsz, and Chan Kai Ming voted against the motion.

A letter from the government relative to the fixing of compensation for the destruction of plaster walls in plague-infected houses was read and a scale adopted.

"WORLD'S NEWS" IN BRIEF.

NEW ZEALAND.

The Wellington Correspondent of the "Times" writes:—Mr. Thomas Mackenzie, upon whom the choice of the Liberal Party has fallen, has no very pronounced colour as a politician and no very strong convictions. But he stands well with the farmers, is familiar with the needs of our producers both here and in the London market, and has a breezy and attractive personality. As Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Mackenzie has scored a distinct success, and if he fails as Premier he will only fail under conditions which men are saying that even Mr. Seddon's unconquerable star could not have turned to success.

Athletic circles are perturbed by the action of the Commandant in fixing daylight parades for consecutive Saturdays. A Wellington deputation representing Rugby and Association football and hockey told the Commandant that athletic societies and clubs were strongly in favour of military training and recognized that the claims of defence were paramount but urged greater consideration for their convenience. Major-General Godley, in reply, explained that the delay in providing uniforms and the closing of the military year had made the course he had taken unavoidable. He hoped that it would not be necessary again and promised longer notice in future. The interview is considered highly creditable to both parties. Sportmen in Auckland and Napier and elsewhere display similar patriotic forbearance.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The Union Government has promised to appoint a Commission to inquire into the prevalence of assaults by natives upon white women. In his statement on the matter General Botha assured the House that the Government would do everything to terminate "this diabolical sort of crime," irrespective of cost. The time was coming when the native question would have to be considered most seriously in the direction of keeping whites and natives apart and preventing their intermingling. Therefore the Minister thought that they would have to fix their attention closely on the question of segregation, while treating every one in absolute justice.

In the Union House of Assembly Mr. Burton, Minister for Native Affairs, said that since he addressed the House on March 5 there had been signs of great improvement in regard to the mortality among the tropical natives in the Goetz, Eckstein, Robinson, General Mining, and Rand Mines groups, and that so long as this improvement continued the Government would refrain from stopping the importation of tropical labour by these groups, but if it did not continue the Government would carry out its original intention and take steps in the matter.

The Prussian Minister of Justice has asked the Diet's consent to prosecute two Socialist deputies, Herr Borchardt and Herr Leisner, who were removed by the police from the Chamber by order of the President. The matter is being considered by the Committee of Procedure.

There was a long debate in the Reichstag on a series of motions concerning duelling in the German army. The Centre Party spokesman, Herr Groeber, and the Prussian Minister of War discussed theories of personal honour and its vindication with the utmost moderation. A Socialist speaker disturbed the calm by saying that if a Prussian Prince were killed in a duel, duelling would be abolished immediately. The Reichstag adopted a Centre Party motion requiring the provisions of an old Cabinet Order to be carried out with greater strictness and a radical motion requesting the Imperial Chancellor to bring about an amendment of the Military Code. The House adopted also a Socialist motion requiring that an officer who refused to fight a duel should in no circumstances be dismissed.

The Prussian Government Commissioner on the Berlin Stock Exchange has issued a remarkable warning, expressing the fear that the extraordinary rise in German industrial shares will be followed by a sharp fall which will involve the public in serious losses.

UNITED STATES.

Rioting continues in the anthracite region and is becoming widespread. Most of the companies are suffering from disorder caused by foreigners among the miners and their wives. At Scranton, Pennsylvania, a large crowd attacked the repair men, and the State police were obliged to use revolvers to restore order. Representatives of the Industrial Workers of the World, it is said, are stirring up the miners, who are already in a state of unrest owing to low funds.

According to advices from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, two masked bandits stopped a New York express train on the New Orleans and North-Eastern Railroad eight miles south of that place and after blowing up the safe in the express car escaped on horseback with a large sum of money—according to some estimates \$140,000 (£28,000). The passengers were not molested.

The strike of Pressmen which started in Chicago has already extended to the newspapers of the Hearst management in San Francisco and Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Berrie, the president of the International Pressmen's Union, is quoted as declaring his intention of calling a strike on every Hearst newspaper throughout the country, and also of the Hearst magazines. In Chicago, where the pressmen of other papers besides Mr. Hearst's have struck in sympathy, the distribution of newspapers has improved, but rioting, with raids upon newsstands and assaults upon newsboys and wagon-drivers, continues wherever a strong police guard is absent.

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the Siberian Route, to Europe. Letters for this route should be addressed via Siberia.

The Parcel Post to the Chinese provinces of Hupeh and Hunan is now resumed.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London 24th June 1912
May 25th June 10th

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Amoy, 20th inst.
English, Assaye, 20th inst.
American, Siberia, 20th inst.
German, Yokohama, 26th inst.
American, Manchuria, 7th prox.

MAILS CLOSE.

Amoy—Per Hongkong, 24th June, 8 A.M.
Japan via Nagasaki—Per Denham, 20th June, 9 A.M.
Straits—Per Tyden, 20th June, 11 A.M.
Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Laisang, 20th June, 11 A.M.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 20th June, 1.15 P.M.
Straits and Ceylon—Per Syria, 20th June, 2 P.M.
Philippine Islands—Per Zaire, 20th June, 3 P.M.
Shanghai and North China—Per Chinai, 20th June, 3 P.M.
Weihaiwei and Tientsin—Kashow, 20th, 20th June, 3 P.M.
Straits and Borneo—Per Hela, 20th June, 4 P.M.
Japan via Miji—Per Yachino maru, 20th June, 5 P.M.
Swatow—Per Pissanok, 20th June, 5 P.M.
Hoihow—Per Chowai, 21st June, 9 A.M.

Siberian Mail.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Assaye, 21st June, 9.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa and Foochow—Per Haising, 21st June, 10 A.M.
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Macao—Per Sui Tai, 21st June, 1.15 P.M.
Straits and India via Calcutta—Per C. Apier, 21st June, 2 P.M.
Hoihow, Haisang and Pakhoi—Per Sungking, 22nd June, 9 A.M.
Japan via Kobe—Per Hopsang, 22nd June, 10 A.M.
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya and Meassar—Per Tjitarom, 22nd June, 10 A.M.

English Mail.

Straits, Borneo, Ceylon, Aden, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. Late Letters 11 A.M. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents. (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 27th June, at 5 P.M.—Per Arcadia, 22nd June, 11 A.M.

Siberian Mail.

Shanghai, North China, Japan, United States, South America and Canada via Vancouver (Europe via Siberia)—Per Empress of India, 22nd June, 5 P.M.

Shanghai and North China—Per Amoy, 22nd June, 5 P.M.

Japan via Yokohama—Per Itana, 23rd June, 9 A.M.

Philippine Islands, Timor, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand—Per Empress, 24th June, 11 A.M.

Tientsin—Per Chongshing, 24th June, 3 P.M.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haisan, 26th June, 10 A.M.

Formosa via Keelung, Shanghai, North China, Japan via Miji, Yokohama and Tacoma—Per Canada maru, 25th June, noon.

Philippine Islands—Per Kaifong, 26th June, 8 P.M.

Straits, Borneo, Ceylon, Aden, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Naples. (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes, in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) Late Letters 11 to 11.30 A.M. Extra postage 10 cents.—Per Dornlinger, 26th June, 11 A.M.

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UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

Eastern Extension.

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Bookmark, from Adelaide.
Chowlanhu, from Wellington.
Cow Dock Jung Cow, Seven Connaught Road, from Reno.

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Doyanatomogusu, Caro Japan.

Hotel, from Thursday Island.

Fangky, from Nandiah.

Fenwick, from Weihaiwei.

Holsaun, Caro Eastern Extension Telegraph, from Yunnanfu.

Hongsing, Westpoint, from San Francisco.

Kuinkoo, from Rangoon.

Kwongchun, from Manila.

Mrs. Thayer Kremlin, from Manila.

Narciso, from Manila.

Oberleutnant Caesar Schiff Patricia, from Stettin.

Phowtong, from Singapore.

Pogkee, 76 Jervois Street, from Hobart.

Poignand Passengor "Goeben," from Alorstar.

Poste Yantehung, Yauanati, from Choba.

Seagull, from Cebu.

Tungkee, from Calcutta.

Yantehung, from Haiphong.

Yingsinghing, from Victoria, B.C.

0033, from Foochow.

1158, from Tientsin.

135 Des Voeux Road, from San Francisco.

Hongkong 14th June, 1912.

J. M. Beck,

Superintendent.

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0712, 2420, 6380, 6880.